

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A client computer for use in connection with a client computer system and a remote management machine, comprising:

a client processor operable to control the client computer, wherein the client computer is monitored by the remote management machine over a first communication path, the first communication path connecting the client computer with the remote management machine over a first network; and

a computing component having a remote management processor operable to selectively control the client computer, independently of the client processor, in response to instructions received over a second distinct communication path from the remote management machine, the second distinct communication path connecting the computing component with the remote management machine over a second network distinct from the first network.

2. (Original) The client computer of claim 1, further comprising a network component installed on the computing component, facilitating communication with the remote management machine.

3. (Original) The client computer of claim 2, wherein the client computer system includes two or more clients configured in a network environment.

4. (Original) The client computer of claim 3, wherein the computing component network component and the client networked environment are separate.

5. (Original) The client computer of claim 1, wherein the computing component is a single board computer.

6. (Original) The client computer of claim 1, wherein the client computer is a server computer.

7. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable components, comprising:

a first communication component for communicating with and operable to selectively control a client computer after receiving instructions over a first communication path from a remote manager in a client networked environment; and

a second communication component for communicating with the remote manager independently of the client networked environment over a second distinct communication path in an alternative networked environment.

8. (Previously Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 7, wherein the client computer has an operating system, and wherein the first communication component is operable to control the operating system of the client computer.

9. (Previously Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 8, wherein the client computer has hardware components thereon and wherein the first communication component is operable to control the hardware components of the client computer.

10. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 8, further comprising an interface component for capturing and transferring client display information to the remote manager.

11. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 10, wherein the display information is graphical display information.

12. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 9, wherein the first communication component includes a client management component operable to request, collect and store client management data.

13. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 12, wherein the client management data includes capacity planning data.

14. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 12, wherein the client management data includes performance monitoring data.

15. (Cancelled)

Claims 16 – 22 (withdrawn).

23. (Currently Amended) A method in a computer system for managing one or more client computers having a client processor and a computing component installed on the client computer, the computing component being operable to control the client computer and having a network component installed thereon, wherein the computing component is independent of the client processor, the method comprising:

remotely controlling the client computer by communicating with the computing component through the network component over a first communication path and a first network utilizing a remote manager; and

managing the client computer with the remote manager over a second communication path and a second distinct network using a second network component installed on the client computer.

24. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 23, wherein two or more client computers are configured in a networked environment independent of the computing component network component for creating the networked environment that is separate from the network component.

25. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 24, further comprising monitoring the one or more client computers for error conditions by collecting data via the computing component.

26. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein the monitoring step includes collecting capacity planning data.

27. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein the monitoring step includes collecting performance monitoring data.

28. (Original) The method of claim 27, further comprising storing the collected data on the computing component.

29. (Original) The method of claim 28, further comprising transferring the stored data to the remote manager utilizing the network component.

30. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 29, further comprising remotely rebooting the client computer from the remote manager utilizing the computing component.

31. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising receiving, by the computing component from the remote manager, software and storing the software on the computing component.

32. (Original): The method of claim 23, further comprising capturing and transferring client display information to the remote manager.

33. (Original) A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for executing the steps recited in claim 23.

34. (Original) A computer system having a processor, an operating system, and a memory, the computer system operable to perform the steps in claim 23.

35. (Canceled)

36. (Canceled)

37. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 23, wherein the remotely controlling the client computer includes querying the computing component through the network component for data indicative of one or more client properties, and transmitting the indicative data from the computing component through the network component.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the indicative data is capacity planning data.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the indicative data is performance monitoring data.